

IS MARRIAGE  
A  
FAILURE?



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AN ORIGINAL CORRESPONDENCE

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*was Apocryphal  
to  
the Daily Press*

Dear M<sup>r</sup>. Editor

I am a young lady and consider that the really great failure is in not getting married at all, Why don't the men propose? I think that all the young and nice looking men who don't get married - it doesn't matter about the old and ugly ones - ought to be had up at the Police Court and transported

SOME PEOPLE WHO WANT TO MARRY



WANTED WIFE AND CARETAKER

WANTED A CHAPPIE WITH SOME GO IN HIM

WANTED AN AMERICAN HEIRESS

I THINK I'LL TRY ONCE MORE

I SHOULD LIKE TO MARRY ANYONE

WANTED A LOVING HUSBAND

I CAN QUITE MAKE UP MY MIND

WANTED A NICE LITTLE FILLY WITH A THOUSAND

WANTED A PIOUS WIFE WITH MONEY

I have often heard Papa say he was  
"transported" when Mamma said "yes", and  
I am sure it was nicer for him to have  
Mamma do it than the Police Court,  
though I heard Mamma say once she  
wished he had been transported a  
week or two before she knew him.

I remain Yours Sincerely  
Anxious Seventeen.

Olyssum

hovers Terrace

Dear Mr Editor,

Psyche and I have been having a jolly time reading the numerous "Is marriage a failure" letters. As a result of the ventilation of so many original ideas on the subject I expect that the coming season of dear stalking will be unusually fine and I hope to bring down many a heart before it closes.

I feel very much like laughing

in my sleeve, only I hav'nt got one, my tailor  
disappointed me so that I am still sporting  
the original pink costume so graphically  
described by Hans Breitman as "mit notings  
on" which you cannot fail to have noticed in  
my photograph taken a couple of milleniums  
ago - Hard lines is'nt it?

Psyche sends love  
Sweetly Yours  
Amor.



Dear An. Editor,

Is Marriage a failure! Why of course not  
you silly old man, I am sure you have  
never been married or you wouldn't ask such  
a silly thing. My darling Edwin quite agrees  
with me, and says it's really too bad to frighten  
the girls and fellows by raising such a question  
(We have now been married nearly a week & I am  
writing this from Paris where we are spending our  
honeymoon) and oh, it has been such a happy  
week. Dear Edwin and I adore each other and  
we shall never, never alter  
I do hope so much that our experience may  
be of benefit to your anxious readers  
Yours Sincerely, Angelina Simploton.

Dear mister Eddytor

I avent add suffishunt Xperience to say  
downright pozzy Tiff not yet. However my O pinyun  
is its six of 1 & half a dozen of the other.

This ere is the weigh with it. my first had a  
smace proper t, and was removed to a better  
sfeere within the 12 month, she was a suck  
cess my 2<sup>d</sup> is still spaird 2 ~~to~~ a flem  
2 me Seio far she is a fale your

Yours

Benny Dick

Dear Sir,

If gentlemen were not so short-sighted - if they would look, not at looks, but at the charms & graces of the mind, if they would shun as dangerous snares, inexperienced & flighty youth, sordid & unuseful producing wealth, & Beauty, vain itself & the cause of vanity to its possessor; if, in choosing a companion for the life-long journey, they would seek the priceless gifts of a matured understanding & the accumulated riches of an affectionate Heart; if they would do this there would be no need (pray

do not misunderstand me) to put the question  
Sincerely Yours      Letitia Singleton

# THE CHRISTENING

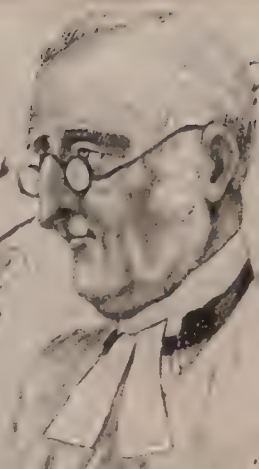


GODFATHER



GODMOTHER

THE INFANT



GOD BLESS HIM



FATHER



PROUD MOTHER



AUNT



COUSIN



NIECE

Sir: Before a final decision on this all engrossing question of "Is Marriage a failure" is arrived at I would respectfully suggest that a Royal Commission be appointed to proceed to Utah and there collect evidence from the more or less married Mormon husbands. The vast experience of matrimony, stored up in that city, and in particular by the Elders of the community should throw considerable light on this much vexed subject.

Yours faithfully,  
James Farnighted

P.S. It just strikes me that the evidence of the Mormon ladies might also be of some value.

Sir —  
After due consideration, I have arrived at the  
Conclusion that Marriage is not a failure,  
provided your wife is young, pretty brings  
plenty of money, knows how to cook and to  
Study a husband's comfort —

I shall be glad of such a wife  
myself, application may be addressed to

A Bachelor —

Cheeky Road  
Hytown

To Many or not to Many, That is the Question.

Some say to Many is to fail  
Some say it is a blessing  
To some it brings a woful wail  
To some a sweet Caressing.  
Some Many to increase their wealth  
And some for higher station  
Some others to improve their health  
And some for recreation.

Some say that married life may be  
What ever we choose to make it  
While some preferring to be free  
Don't hesitate to shake it  
If it to some a failure be  
Of course they must abide in  
It has not failure been to me  
For — I have never tried it

SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE MARRIED.



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